(a) whether the Cochin Road Board has found it necessary to construct masonry drains in Pazhanji bazaar;

(b) whether the P. W. D. has been requested by the Board at its meeting held on 21st July 1932 to attend to it at an early date;

(c) whether the department has attended to this work; and if not

(d) what action has been taken ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) No.

(d) This will receive early attention according to the availability of funds.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will attention be given to it during the next year ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I do not see that work budgeted for next year.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—May I know how much it will cost?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I remember it is about Rs. 4,000.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Was it considered at the time of preparing the budget for 1109 ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Were the recommendations of the Road Board taken ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The Road Board recommended certain works to be taken up for 1109. They did not include this work in their programme for 1109.

Mr. K. T. Mathew:—Have all the works recommended for 1109 taken into consideration?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—What about the works for 1108 ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Notice.

Prospects of aviation.

43. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—Will the Government be pleased to state the prospects of aviation in the country?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—As a result of the development of the Harbour, there is every prospect of Cochin becoming one of the important stations on the all-India air routes.

Motor Boat—Azad.

44. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

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(a) the number of years since Motor boat, Azad was first licensed in the State;

(b) the registered tonnage of the boat for which license fee was collected in previous years ;

(c) the registered tonnage for which the license fee was collected in 1108;

(d) the difference in the tonnage in (b) and (c) ;

(e) the reasons for the difference in (d) ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) From 1104 ;

(b) 5 tons ,

(c) 6 tons ;

(d) 1 ton ;

(e) The inner planks fixed at the bottom of the boat were removed by the present owners, thus increasing the height for tonnage measurement. This accounts for the difference.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know whether this improvement made in the boat was enquired into by the Government and whether any report was received; and if so, the contents?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I do not remember. I do not think any report has been received from my subordinate.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know how the Government knew that such an alteration has been made?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—In furnishing the details of this answer we got this information.

Fans—Legislative Council Hall

45. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—With reference to question No. 391, dated 27th March 1933, will the Government be pleased to state how they intend to justify their supplementary answers to the effect that 'the Fans in the Hall were working. The Member could have used them' to their next statement 'the fan in the Library went out of order after the last sitting of the Council was over' ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—It was never stated that the fan in the Library went out of order, only after the termination of the last meeting of the Council. The supplementary answer is therefore quite in order.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Was it not stated that the fan was out of order during the session ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Yes. I stated that the fan went out of order for a few hours on the last day of the session.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Can you produce the manuscript proceedings ?

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